

State of California, California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Coast Region
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

NOTICE OF INTENT INSTRUCTIONS
CONDITIONAL WAIVER FOR IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE

The Notice Of Intent (NOI) is a one-page application form required for coverage under the Waiver. It must be submitted along with: 1) Ranch Information Forms, 2) Farm Water Quality Management Practices Form, 3) Ranch Map(s), and 4) Certificates of Education.

1. Farm Operation Information:

Farm Operation/Business Name: The name used for your irrigated farming operation/business.

Pesticide Use Permit #: The number assigned to a grower by the County Agricultural Commissioner that allows a grower to purchase, store, or use restricted use materials/pesticides.

Physical Address: The actual location of the farm/business operation.

Mailing Address: The address where billing statements and general correspondence associated with the Ag Waiver will be mailed. If you require more than one bill, fill out an individual NOI for each separate farm operation to be billed.

2. Monitoring Program Selection: There are two options that satisfy the legal requirement for monitoring. You must select either cooperative or individual monitoring. Failure to monitor is a violation of the Waiver.

Cooperative monitoring: This option provides a lower cost, industry-led alternative to individual monitoring. Grant funds have been awarded for 2006-2008. These funds require matching funds in the form of participant payments made to Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc. (CCWQP), the non-profit agricultural based entity responsible for oversight of the cooperative monitoring program.

You must maintain your standing as a fully paid cooperative monitoring participant, as well as comply with all other requirements of the Waiver, in order to be in compliance and avoid incurring possible penalties, such as fines.

For more information on the Cooperative Monitoring Program, contact CCWQP at (831) 761-8644.

Individual monitoring: If you choose this option, you are responsible for all costs associated with individual monitoring requirements as described in the Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Ag Waiver (Resolution # R3-2004-0117). The costs are estimated at \$15,000 per year or more.

You must comply with all requirements and time schedules of the individual monitoring program, as well as comply with all other requirements of the Waiver, in order to be in compliance and avoid incurring possible penalties, such as fines.

3. Hours of Certified Water Quality Education: Courses such as the UC Cooperative Extension's Farm Water Quality Planning short course (UCCE short course), and other workshops and seminars certified by the Regional Board as qualifying toward the educational requirements of the conditional waiver. You must attach copies of certificates supplied by these courses. For a complete list of certified courses, visit our website (www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast). UCCE short courses are scheduled through the end of 2006 only.

4. Farm Plan: An on-site water quality management plan that includes business goals, site assessment and practices planning. This is normally part of the UCCE short course.

5. Additional Documents: You must submit all requested documents in order for your application to be complete.

6. Certification: Must be signed by a responsible party. Please send the **original signed copy** of the certification.

Mail completed forms and all attachments to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attn: Ag Waiver
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

If you have questions about the forms or waiver requirements, please contact any of the following Central Coast Regional Board staff:

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